

The Mexican Central station. "Some comment was created by this action, it being suggested that it was barely possible that President Madero was preparing to flee the city."

Between 9 and 10 o'clock shrapnel rained on the walls and shutters of the cable office, but the clerks and operators remained at their stations. A short time afterwards a solid shot from a field gun entered the Jardin Hotel.

The first sharp small arms engagement of the day occurred at 10:30, when a party of Federals moved into range of the rebel sharpshooters. The battle was very brief, as both sides placed their chief reliance on a steady battery fire.

The infantry fighting lasted only a few minutes, and was succeeded by a more intense cannonade from the rebels at the arsenal. The Federal battery stationed in front of the British legation replied, and drew much of the rebel fire.

The cannonade soon lost some of its viciousness, and it seemed that the rebels were conserving their fire, although they continued to throw shells toward the palace. One Federal battery kept steadily in action at

at Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 13.—Striking coal miners, whose most recent reign of lawlessness has just been checked by an active State militia, descended upon the State Capitol to-day and were cleared from the building only after a riot call had brought large force of policemen. In ejecting the miners from the building several persons were slightly hurt. It had been reported that the miners were coming forcibly to take charge of the Capitol.

The Legislature, fearing further trouble of bribery charges, and with several of its members under arrest, was in session when the riotous miners' entrance was brought to a halt. The whole assembly

in. It was not believed, but when the men began coming into the building the riot call was sent in. The legislators continued in session, undisturbed by the commotion in the corridors.

Early to-night warrants were sworn out against several persons, well known in the labor circles of the county. H. B. Howell, editor of a Socialist paper, and Frank Bartley and Paul J. Paulson, said to be connected with the international organization of miners, were charged with conspiracy and an accessory before the fact in the death of Fred Bobbett, one of the victims of a recent riot near here.

Muecklow, W. Va. Only Bonwell was arrested. The whole assembly

the military court, which convened to-day, has upwards of 150 cases to be considered.

Although few service from the troubled zone was partially established to-day, only meagre details of the riots several days ago have been received. The military plans taken possession of the wires for official business.

Whether more than sixteen persons, as first reported, were killed, cannot be ascertained. W. O. Bobbett, a mine superintendent, whose brother was a victim of the riot, said to-day from his reports that at least twenty-six persons had been killed.

Four additional companies of militia were ordered to the strike district to-